AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended)   A communication terminal connectable to a plurality of communication systems, said communication terminal comprising communication system selection means for deciding the communication system to which to connect, based upon a communication link quality, and a connection policy set for each of said plurality of said communication systems, wherein

said connection policy includes a user-selected priority of a connection; and

said communication system selection means comprises means for making a connection to the communication system of which said communication link quality is equal to or more than a first threshold, and yet of which said user-selected priority is highest, with a change in the communication link quality.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended)   The communication terminal according to claim [[2]] 1, said communication terminal wherein said connection policy includes connection advisability information indicating advisability of a connection set for each of said plurality of said communication systems; and

said communication system selection means comprises means for making a connection to the communication system of which said user-selected priority is highest, out of the communication systems of which said communication link quality is equal to or more than said first threshold, and yet of which said connection advisability information indicates pro, with a change in the communication link quality.

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4. (Original) The communication terminal according to claim 3, said communication terminal comprises means for making a connection to the communication system of which said connection advisability information indicating con in response to a user's manual operation.

5. (Currently Amended) The communication terminal according to claim [[2]] 1, said communication terminal comprises means for setting so that said first threshold and said user-selected priority for each of said communication systems have a negative correlation.

6. (Currently Amended) The communication terminal according to claim 1, said communication terminal characterized in that said communication system selection means, which has a maximum simultaneous-connection communication system number, is means for disconnecting a connection to the communication system of which said user-selected priority is lowest in a case where the communication system number in connection exceeded said maximum simultaneous-connection communication system number, with a change in the communication link quality.

7. (Original) The communication terminal according to claim 1, said communication terminal characterized in that:

said connection policy includes a second threshold of the communication link quality set for each of a plurality of the communication systems, with which a connection should be terminated; and

said communication system selection means is means for disconnecting a connection to the communication system of which said communication link quality amounted to less than said second threshold, with a change in the communication link quality.

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8. (Currently Amended)   The communication terminal according to claim 7, said communication terminal characterized in that:

said connection policy includes disconnection advisability information indicating advisability of a disconnection set for each of said plurality of said communication systems; and

said communication system selection means is means for disconnecting a connection to the communication system of which said <u>user-selected</u> priority is lowest, out of the communication systems of which said communication link quality is less than said second threshold, and yet of which said disconnection advisability information indicates pro, with a change in the communication link quality.

9. (Original)   The communication terminal according to claim 8, said communication terminal comprising means for disconnecting a connection to the communication system of which said disconnection advisability information indicates con in response to a user's manual operation, or in response to deterioration in the above quality to the degree that the communication link is impossible to maintain.

10. (Currently Amended)   The communication terminal according to claim 7, said communication terminal comprising means for setting so that said second threshold and said <u>user-selected</u> priority for each of said communication systems have a negative correlation.

11. (Original)   The communication terminal according to claim 1, said communication terminal characterized in:

that said connection policy includes notification advisability information indicating whether or not a change in the connection status is notified to a user; and

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including means for, in a case where said notification advisability information indicates pro, making a notification to the user in response to a connection/disconnection to/from the communication system by said communication system selection means for each of said plurality of said communication systems.

12. (Original)   The communication terminal according to claim 1, said communication terminal characterized in:

that said connection policy includes authentication advisability information indicating whether or not the user is prompted for inputting authentication information at the time of connection for each of said plurality of said communication systems; and

including means for, in a case where said authentication advisability information indicates pro, prompting the user for inputting the authentication information at the time of initiating the connection by said communication system selection means to acquire and set a cryptography key for communication from the communication system in a case where the authentication succeeded.

13. (Currently Amended)   The communication terminal according to claim [[2]] 1, said communication terminal characterized in:

that at least one of said user-selected priority, said first threshold, said second threshold, said connection advisability information, said disconnection advisability information, said notification advisability information, and said authentication advisability information is notified from said communication system side; and

including means for receiving and setting this.

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14. (Currently Amended)   The communication terminal according to claim 1, said communication terminal characterized in including means for receiving a notification of offer-enable throughput based upon a congestion status of a wireless interface and a wire network from each of said plurality of said communication systems to set said user-selected priority so that said user-selected priority has a positive correlation as against said throughput.

15. (Currently Amended)   The communication terminal according to claim 1, said communication terminal comprising means for receiving a notification of accounting information from each of said plurality of said communication systems to set said user-selected priority so that said user-selected priority has a negative correlation as against said accounting information.

16. (Previously Presented)   The communication terminal according to claim 1, wherein said communication terminal is at least one of a wireless communication system and a wire communication system.

Claims 17-45. (Cancelled).

46. (Currently Amended)   A computer-readable program for controlling an operation of a communication terminal connectable to a plurality of communication systems, said program encoded on a computer-readable medium when executed by a processor, characterized in including a communication system selection step of deciding the communication system to which to connect based upon a communication link quality and a connection policy set for each of said plurality of said communication systems, wherein said connection policy includes a user-selected priority of a connection and said communication system selection step comprises making a connection to the

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communication system of which said communication link quality is equal to or more than a first threshold, and yet of which said user-selected priority is highest, with a change in the communication link quality.

    47. (Cancelled).

    48. (Cancelled).

    49. (Currently Amended)   A computer-readable recording medium ~~stored~~ storing a program for controlling an operation of a communication terminal connectable to a plurality of communication systems, said program, when executed by a processor, characterized in including a communication system selection step of deciding the communication system to which to connect based upon a communication link quality and a connection policy set for each of said plurality of said communication systems, wherein said connection policy includes a user-selected priority of a connection, and said communication system selection step comprises making a connection to the communication system of which said communication link quality is equal to or more than a first threshold, and yet of which said user-selected priority is highest, with a change in the communication link quality.

    50. (Cancelled).

    51. (Cancelled).